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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ORDERED, That the joint standing committee on Education be directed to ascertain from the presidents, or other officers, of the several Colleges in this Commonwealth, the amounts which they have severally received, by the way of gifts, bequests, or grants, from individuals, societies, or the Commonwealth, since their establishment ;

Also, the amounts, respectively, of their funds available for the purposes of education, at the present time, together with the value of their buildings and grounds, whether used in connexion with the Colleges or otherwise ;

Also, the number of volumes in their respective libraries for the use of undergraduates, and the extent and value of their philosophical apparatus ;

Also, the number of undergraduates now pursuing collegiate studies within the same.

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TABLE I.

Grants by the Legislature of Massachusetts to Harvard College, from its foundation to the present time. From the State Records.

Date.		£ sterling.	£ lawful.
1636	Towards a school or College, ...	400 0 0	
1639	Cambridge and Watertown rates, £30 12s. and £20, ...	50 12 0	
1640	Ferry between Boston and Charlestown.		
1646	To Pres. Dunster, to be paid in grain or rates, ...	100 0 0	
1650	From the public treasury, ...		100 0 0
1653	Two thousand acres of land. [<i>Never obtained.</i>]		
1654	£100 per annum, for seven years, ...		700 0 0
1657	Five hundred acres of land granted to President.		
1666	To the President, ...		20 0 0
1672	£150 per annum to the President, for three years, ...		450 0 0
1675	£100 do. do. seven years, ...		700 0 0
1682	£100 do. do. ten years, ...		1000 0 0
	"Merriconeag in Casco Bay, with 1000 acres adjacent," granted to President and Fellows. [<i>This grant was defeated by adverse claims.</i>]		
1692	To the President, ...		100 0 0
1694	Do.		150 0 0
1695	Do. £50 per annum for six years, ...		300 0 0
1702	Do. £60 " " six " "		360 0 0
1708	Do. £150 " " three " "		450 0 0
1709	Do. for repairing his house, ...		20 1 2
1711	Do.		180 0 0
1712	Do.		180 0 0
1713	Do. £190 at 29½ pr ct. disc. from sterl.	133 19 0	
1715	Do. 190 at 33½ " " " "	126 13 4	
1716	Do. 190 at 40 " " " "	114 0 0	
1717	Do. 180 at 40 " " " "	108 0 0	
1718	Do. 180 at 45 " " " "	99 0 0	
	For erecting additional building £1500 at 45 per cent. discount from sterling, ...	825 0 0	
1719	To the President £180 at 50 per cent. discount from sterling, ...	90 0 0	
	For the new building, £2000 at 50 per cent. discount from sterling, ...	1000 0 0	
	Two hundred and fifty acres of land in the town of Lunenburg, sold for £120 at 50 per cent.	60 0 0	
1720	To the President, £400 at 50 pr. ct. disc.	200 0 0	
1722	" " 150 " 57 " "	64 10 0	
1723	" " 150 " 60 " "	60 0 0	
	Amount carried forward, ...	3431 14 4	4710 1 2

Date.		£ sterling.	£ lawful.
	Amount brought forward, . . .	3431 14 4	4710 1 2
1725	To the President, £220 at 64 pr. ct. disc.	79 4 0	
1726	“ “ 360 “ 64 “	129 12 0	
	For President's House, £1000 at 64 per cent. discount, . . .	360 0 0	
1727	To the President, £360 per annum for eight years is £2880, at 64 per cent. discount, . . .	1036 16 0	
1735	To Professor Wigglesworth, £50 at 78 per cent. discount, . . .	11 0 0	
1736	To the President, £120 at 76 pr. ct. disc.	28 16 0	
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, £16 13s. 4d. at 76 per cent. discount, . . .	4 0 0	
1737	To the President, £200 at 76 pr. ct. disc.	48 0 0	
1738	“ “ 300 “ 79 “	63 0 0	
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, £16, 13s. 4d. at 79 per cent. discount, . . .	3 10 0	
1741	To the President, £150 at 79 pr. ct. disc.	31 10 0	
	To Prof. Wiggles'th, 30 “ 79 “	6 6 0	
1743	To the President, 200 “ 79 “	42 0 0	
	To Prof. Wiggles'th, 25 “ 79 “	5 5 0	
1746	To the President, 240 “ 83 “	40 16 0	
	To Prof. Wiggles'th, 25 “ 83 “	4 5 0	
1747	To the President, 300 “ 84 “	48 0 0	
	To Prof. Wiggles'th, 75 “ 84 “	12 0 0	
1748	To the President, 350 “ 85 “	52 10 0	
	To Prof. Wiggles'th, 125 “ 85 “	18 15 0	
1750	To the President, 336 13d. 4s. at 90 per cent. discount, . . .	33 13 4	
	To Prof. Wiggles'th, 200 at 90 pr. ct. disc.	20 0 0	
	To Prof. Winthrop, 50 “ 90 “	5 0 0	
1752	To the President, 250 “ 90 “	25 0 0	
	To Prof. Wiggles'th, 100 “ 90 “	10 0 0	
	To Prof. Winthrop, 60 “ 90 “	6 0 0	
1753	The real and personal estate of the College, not exceeding £500 per annum, exempted from taxation, . . .		
	To the President, . . .		*480 0 0
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, . . .		190 0 0
	To Prof. Winthrop, . . .		150 0 0
	To Rabbi Judah Monis, instructor in Hebrew, . . .		20 0 0
1755	To the President, £250 per annum, for six years, . . .		1500 0 0
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, . . .		200 0 0
	To Prof. Winthrop, . . .		190 0 0
	To R. Monis, . . .		40 0 0
1757	To Prof. Wigglesworth, £100 for four years, . . .		400 0 0
	To Prof. Winthrop, £90, per annum for four years, . . .		360 0 0
	Amount carried forward, . . .	5556 12 8	8240 1 2

* At this period, the currency was changing from paper to specie; and although it may not have been completed by this year, yet, as there are no means of ascertaining the exact difference, the nominal amount is allowed.

Date.		£ sterling.	£ lawful.
	Amount brought forward, . . .	5550 12 8	8240 1 2
1757	To R. Monis, ...		18 0 0
1758	“ “		20 0 0
1760	“ “		20 0 0
1761	To the President, ...		230 0 0
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, ...		90 0 0
	To Prof. Winthrop, ...		80 0 0
1762	To the President, ...		250 0 0
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, ...		100 0 0
	To Prof. Winthrop, ...		90 0 0
	Towards erection of a new building. (Hollis Hall,)		2000 0 0
	For materials for the same, ...		500 0 0
	One sixty-fourth part of 12 townships in Maine, ...		
1763	To the President, ...		250 0 0
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, ...		100 0 0
	To Prof. Winthrop, ...		90 0 0
	To Prof. Sewall, ...		30 0 0
	Towards the new building, ...		1783 0 0
	For defraying arrearages on the same, ...		530 7 2
1764	To the President, ...		250 0 0
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, ...		100 0 0
	To Prof. Winthrop, ...		100 0 0
	To Prof. Sewall, ...		40 0 0
	To Andrew Eliot, butler, ...		75 10 6
	For a “ water engine,”		100 0 0
	To students for losses by the burning of Harvard Hall, ...		116 17 2
	To other sufferers by the fire belonging to the College, ...		267 4 0
	Towards rebuilding Harvard Hall.		2000 0 0
1765	To the President, ...		250 0 0
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, ...		100 0 0
	To Prof. Winthrop, ...		100 0 0
	To Prof. Sewall, ...		40 0 0
	Towards rebuilding Harvard Hall, ...		1000 0 0
1766	To the President, ...		200 0 0
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, ...		50 0 0
	To Prof. Winthrop, ...		100 0 0
	For rebuilding Harvard Hall, ...		1112 18 7½
1767	To the President, £200 per annum for seven years, ...		1400 0 0
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, £100 per an- num for nine years, excepting the year 1772, when £80 only were allowed him, ...		880 0 0
	To Prof. Winthrop, £100 per annum for nine years, ...		900 0 0
1768	To Prof. Sewall, ...		20 0 0
1769	“ “		30 0 0
1770	“ “ £40 per annum, for six years, ...		240 0 0
1771	Four eighty-fourth parts of towns in Maine, ...		
	Amount carried forward, ...	5556 12 8	23,893 18 7½

Date.		£ sterling.	£ lawful.
	Amount brought forward, . . .	5556 12 8	23,893 18 7½
1771	Three sixty-fourth parts of other towns in Maine.		
1775	To the President, . . .		200 0 0
1777	“ “ £242 4s. 5d. which, at the average rate of depreciation for that year,* was worth about . . .		100 0 0
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, £189 17s. 8d., worth about . . .		86 0 0
	To Prof. Winthrop, £180, worth about . . .		81 16 0
	To Prof. Sewall, 100, “ . . .		45 9 0
1778	To the President, £400, which in that year was worth about . . .		67 0 0
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, £200, worth about . . .		34 0 0
	To Prof. Winthrop, £180, worth about . . .		30 0 0
	To Prof. Sewall, 100, “ . . .		17 0 0
1779	To the President, 1,000, of which the average value in that year was about . . .		67 0 0
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, £500, worth about . . .		34 0 0
	To Prof. Sewall, £290, worth about . . .		19 6 4
	To Prof. Winthrop, 500, “ . . .		34 0 0
1780	To the President, £7,497 10s., which at 40 for one is . . .		187 6 3
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, £3500, which at 40 for one is worth . . .		87 10 0
	To Prof. Winthrop, £800, which at 40 for one is worth . . .		20 0 0
	To Prof. Sewall, £2080, which at 40 for one is worth . . .		52 0 0
1781	To Prof. Williams, (in specie,) . . .		175 0 0
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, “ . . .		150 0 0
	To Prof. Sewall, “ . . .		47 19 0
1783	To the President, . . .		261 13 4
	To the Professors, £105 each, . . .		315 0 0
1784	To the President, . . .		232 10 0
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, . . .		233 7 8
1786	To the President, . . .		483 6 8
	To Prof. Wigglesworth, and Prof. Pearson, £241 13s. 4d. each, . . .		483 6 8
		5556 12 8	27,438 9 6½
	These sums are respectively equal to	\$24,696.14½	\$91,461.59
	Amounting to		\$116,157.73½
1814	Ten sixteenths of bank tax, \$10,000 a year for ten years, . . .		\$100,000.00
	Total,		\$216,157.73½

Besides the above grants of money and lands, a lottery was authorized, in 1765, to raise £3,200 “for the new building,” probably Harvard Hall.

In 1785 £200 per annum were ordered to be paid by Charles River Bridge Corporation, as a compensation for the ferry which had been granted to the College in 1640. In 1792, the same sum was taxed upon West Boston Bridge Corporation. In 1791, a lottery was granted to raise £8000 for a new building, and in 1806 another, to raise \$30,000 for a similar purpose. In 1809, a township of land in Maine was given to the Massachusetts Agricultural Society for the Professorship of Natural History.

* See Felt's History of Massachusetts Currency, pp. 136 and 136.

TABLE II.

*Sums of Money, and Articles originally estimated in Money,
given at various periods by individuals to Harvard College.
From the College Records.*

Date.		£ sterling.	£ lawful.
1638	John Harvard, ...	779 17 2	
1639	A font of type, given by Joseph Glover, .		
1642	Magistrates and Elders, in books, valued at	200 0 0	
	Henry Pool, ...	10 0 0	
	Theophilus Eaton, ...	40 0 0	
	Richard Russell, ...	9 0 0	
	Edward Jackson, ...	10 0 0	
	Mr. Wory, ...	4 0 0	
	Mr. Parish, ...	3 0 0	
	Some gentlemen of Amsterdam gave to- wards the furnishing of a printing-press with letters, ...	49 0 0	
	Mr. Wm. Hibbons, Mr. Thomas Welles, and Mr. Hugh Peters procured from divers gentlemen and merchants in England, towards furnishing the Libra- ry with books, ...	150 0 0	
	Mr. Holbrook, (schoolmaster), ...	22 0 0	
	Rev. Mr. Greenhill, ...	7 0 0	
	Mr. George Glover, ...	2 0 0	
	Messrs. Bridges, Greenhill, and Glover gave as many utensils as amounted to	20 0 0	
	A gentleman, ...	50 0 0	
	Mr. Willis, of Boston, ...	7 0 0	
	Capt. Welles, of Roxbury, ...	10 0 0	
	Mr. Israel Stoughton, of Dorchester, .	5 0 0	
	Mr. Richard Parker, of Boston, ...	4 0 0	
	Mr. John Pratt, of Hartford, ...	4 0 0	
	His Majesty's Colony of Massachusetts Bay, with the Colonies of Plymouth, Hartford, and New Haven, in the space of eight years, gave, ...	269 18 7½	
1643	Lady Moulson, ...	100 0 0	
	Mr. Bridges, ...	50 0 0	
	Sundry other persons, ...	12 16 4	
1644	Samuel Parish, a silver tankard valued at	7 10 0	
	Richard Harris, a great silver salt and a small trencher, valued at	5 1 3	
1650	John Newgate, annuity of £5, ...		100 0 0
1653	Robert Keyne, of Boston, ...		250 0 0
	John Glover, an annuity of £5, worth .		100 0 0
1654	Sundry gentlemen, towards the repairs of the College, ...		251 15 6
	Francis Willoughby, ...		16 0 0
1656	Thomas Langham, one silver beer-bowl, valued at		3 10 10
	Amount carried forward, ...	1831 3 4½	721 6 4

Date.		£ sterling.	£ lawful.
	Amount brought forward, . . .	1831 3 4½	721 6 4
1657	Capt. Richard Sprague, of Charlestown, gave thirty ewe sheep, with their lambs, which produced, . . .		35 0 0
	Edward Hopkins, . . .	500 0 0	
1658	“ “ in corn and meat, . . .		100 0 0
	Mr. John Winthrop, books, valued at . . .		20 0 0
	Mr. Latham, Minister of Barry, . . .		5 0 0
	John Ward, horses, valued at . . .		72 0 0
	Mr. Stranguish, of London, . . .	10 0 0	
	Mr. John Paine, of Boston, . . .		10 0 0
	Mr. William Colburn, . . .		5 0 0
	The inhabitants of a certain place (supposed to be Eleutheria, Bahama Isles), out of their poverty, gave . . .	134 0 0	
	Mr. Wilson, of Boston, merchant, gave a pewter flagon, valued at . . .		10 0
	Mr. Rowss, of Charlestown, . . .		2 10 0
	Sir Kenelm Digby, books, valued at . . .	60 0 0	
	Mr. Wm. Paine, . . .		20 0 0
	Mr. Edward Tyng, . . .		9 10 0
	Mr. John Freik, books, valued at . . .		10 0 0
	Bridget Wyne, of Charlestown, . . .		4 0 0
	Thomas Peirce, sen., of Charlestown, . . .		1 8 0
1659	John Dodderidge, Esq., of Bremeridge, county of Devon, England, . . .	100 0 0	
	Richard Saltonstall, in money, . . .		220 0 0
	“ “ in goods, cost . . .	100 0 0	
1660	Henry Webb, . . .		50 0 0
1669	Town of Cambridge, thirty acres of land, valued at . . .		50 0 0
	Henry Henley, Esq., of Lyme, Dorsetshire, . . .	27 0 0	
	A gentleman in England, . . .	27 0 0	
	Several persons of Portsmouth, N. H., engaged to give sixty pounds per annum for seven years (of the amount Mr. Richard Cutts gave twenty pounds per annum), and the town of Portsmouth voted that what remained unpaid of this sum should be levied upon the inhabitants, . . .		420 0 0
	Sir George Downing, . . .	5 0 0	
1670	A gentleman in England, . . .	20 0 0	
	William Pennoyer, annuity valued at . . .	680 0 0	
1672	Mr. Henry Ashurst, . . .		100 0 0
	A voluntary contribution from towns in Massachusetts was made toward the new edifice, amounting to . . .		2202 5 0
1674	A gentleman of England, . . .	24 0 0	
1675	Dr. John Lightfoot, gave his entire library, . . .		
1676	Judith Finch, . . .		14 6
1678	Dr. Theophilus Gale bequeathed his library, equal to all else in the college library, . . .		
	Amount carried forward, . . .	3518 3 4½	4059 3 10

Date		£ sterling.	£ lawful.
	Amount brought forward, . . .	3518 3 4½	4059 3 10
1679	Joseph Brown, . . .		100 0 0
	“ “ books, valued at . . .		50 0 0
	John Smeadley, of Concord, . . .		10 0 0
	David Wilton, . . .		10 0 0
1680	Capt. Scarlet, . . .		10 0 0
1681	Henry Clark, of Hadley, . . .		50 0 0
	Sir M. Holworthy, . . .	1000 0 0	
	Capt. John Hull, . . .		100 0 0
	Samuel Paris, a silver tankard, valued at . . .		7 10 0
1683	Henry Ashworth, . . .	100 0 0	
	Nathaniel Houlton, of London, . . .	100 0 0	
	Sir John Maynard, books, valued at . . .	400 0 0	
	Richard Russell, in provisions, valued at . . .		31 13 4
	Thomas Gunston, . . .	50 0 0	
1687	William Brown, . . .		100 0 0
1690	Robert Thorner, of London, . . .	500 0 0	
1694	Madam Mary Anderson, . . .		5 0 0
1697	Hon. Robert Boyle gave £45 per annum. This was irregularly paid, and soon discontinued, . . .		
1698	Eliakim Hutchinson, . . .		200 0 0
1699	Hon. William Stoughton, . . .		1000 0 0
1703	Capt. Richard Sprague, of Charlestown, . . .		400 0 0
1708	Benjamin Brown, . . .		200 0 0
	William Brown, . . .		100 0 0
1712	Thomas Brattle, £200 lawful at 25 per cent. discount, is . . .	150 0 0	
1713	Thomas Richards, £30 lawful, at 29½ per cent. discount, is . . .	21 3 0	
1717	Rev. William Brattle of Cambridge, £250 lawful at 40 per cent. discount, is . . .	150 0 0	
1719	Madam Hutchinson, £10 lawful, at 50 per cent. discount, is . . .	5 0 0	
	John Walley, Esq., £100 lawful, at 50 per cent. discount, is . . .	50 0 0	
	Mr. Thomas Hollis, of London, . . .	104 4 7	
1720	Col. Samuel Brown, £150 lawful, at 50 per cent. discount, is . . .	75 0 0	
1722	Henry Gibbs, of Watertown, £100 lawful, at 57 1-7 per cent. discount, is . . .	42 17 2	
	Thomas Hollis, for Foundation of Hollis Professorship, . . .		782 0 0
	And for scholarships, . . .		780 0 0
1723	Capt. Ephraim Flynt, of Concord, £100 lawful, at 60 per cent. discount, is . . .	40 0 0	
	Mary Saltonstall, at 60 per cent. discount, . . .	40 0 0	
1724	Thomas Danforth, Esq., of Cambridge, £100 lawful, at 64½ per ct. discount, is . . .	35 6 8	
	Hon. Gurdon Saltonstall, Governor of Connecticut, £100 lawful, at 64½ per cent. discount, is . . .	35 6 8	
	Samuel Gerrish, books valued at £10 lawful, at 64½ per cent. discount, is . . .	3 10 8	
	Amount carried forward, . . .	6420 12 1½	7995 7 2

Date.	Amount brought forward, . . .	£ sterling.	£ lawful.
		6420 12 1½	7995 7 2
1724	John Frizzle, £150 lawful, at 64½ per cent. discount, is . . .	53 0 0	
1725	Mrs. Anne Mills, £50 lawful, at 64½ per cent. discount, is . . .	17 13 4	
	A Friend, by Thomas Hollis, types, &c., valued at . . .	39 0 0	
1726	John Hollis, books, valued at . . .	64 0 0	
	Rev. Thomas Cotton, £100 lawful, at 64½ per cent. discount, is . . .	35 6 8	
	do. do.	35 6 8	
1728	Thomas Hollis, apparatus for experimental philosophy, . . .	126 10 0	
1731	Mary Saltonstall, £1,000 lawful, at 68 per cent. discount, is . . .	320 0 0	
	John Frizzle, £250 lawful, at 68 per cent. discount, is . . .	80 0 0	
	Nathaniel Hollis, brother to Thomas, . . .	100 0 0	
	Col. Samuel Brown, of Salem, bequeathed for a piece of plate, £60, at 68 per cent. discount, is . . .	19 4 0	
1733	Thomas Hollis, son of Nathaniel, and heir to Thomas, . . .	200 0 0	
	Dorothy Saltonstall, £300 lawful, at 76 per cent. discount, is . . .	72 0 0	
1736	Mr. Stoughton, a silver bowl, 48½ ounces, . . .	13 12 10	
	Mr. W. Vassall, a silver tankard, 20¼ " . . .	5 16 9	
	Mr. John Vassall, " " 20¼ " . . .	5 16 9	
	Thomas Fitch, £300 lawful, at 77½ per cent. discount, is . . .	67 10 0	
	John Ellery, £150 lawful, at 77½ per cent. discount, is . . .	33 15 0	
1737	Pres. Wadsworth, £110, at 78 per cent. discount, is . . .	24 10 0	
1738	James Townsend, of Boston, £500 lawful, at 79 per cent. discount, is . . .	105 0 0	
1739	Thomas Hutchinson, £300 lawful, at 79 per cent. discount, is . . .	63 0 0	
1740	Daniel Henchman, Esq., presented 100 ounces of silver, . . .	28 2 6	
1743	Pres. Holyoke, £100 lawful, at 78 4-7 per cent. discount, is . . .	21 8 7	
1744	Mrs. Holden and her daughters, of London, . . .	400 0 0	
1747	Daniel Henchman, £250 lawful, at 84½ per cent. discount, is . . .	39 3 4	
1750	Henry Flynt, £700 O. T., at 90 per cent. discount, is . . .	70 0 0	
	Henry Flynt, £112 10s. O. T., at 90 per cent. discount, is . . .	11 5 0	
	Hon. Judge Dudley, £133 6s. 8d. lawful, at 90 per cent. discount, is . . .	13 6 8	
1752	William James, Esq., of Jamaica, books, valued at . . .	25 0 0	
	Amount carried forward, . . .	8510 0 2½	7995 7 2

Date.		£ sterling.	£ lawful.
	Amount brought forward, . . .	8510 0 2½	7995 7 2
1755	Henry Sherburne, of Portsmouth, N. H., £100 O. T., at 90 per cent. discount, is	10 0 0	
1758	Daniel Henchman, Esq., ...		66 13 4
1760	Samuel Epes, Esq., ...		300 0 0
1761	Hon. William Dummer, ...		200 0 0
1762	Stephen Sewall, A. B., ...		13 6 8
1764	Samuel Deane, A. M., Tutor, Stephen Sewall, A. B., and Andrew Eliot, A. B., presented a clock, valued at		4 0 0
	Mr. John Chester, of Connecticut, ...		50 0 0
	Individual subscriptions to rebuild Har- vard Hall, ...		1044 17 9
	Hon. Thomas Hancock, ...	1000 0 0	
	John Hancock, Esq., ...	554 0 4	
	The General Assembly of the Province of New Hampshire, by the recommenda- tion of Gov. Benning Wentworth, ...		300 0 0
	Several gentlemen gave		80 8 0
	Several gentlemen gave books, valued at	100 0 0	
	The Society for propagating the Gospel in New England and Parts adjacent, ...	300 0 0	
	The Society for propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, ...	100 0 0	
	Hon. William Dummer, ...		50 0 0
	Jasper Mauduit, ...		50 0 0
	Thomas Hubbard, ...		50 0 0
	Capt. Phillips gave		17 11 0
	Dr. Lloyd, ...		18 0
1765	Rev. Joseph Sewall, ...		20 0 0
1766	Rev. George Whitefield, ...	5 5 0	
	Dr. Fothergill, of London, ...	4 4 0	
	Dr. Haberdon, ...	3 3 0	
	Timothy Hollis, ...	20 0 0	
	John South, Esq., ...	10 0 0	
	Tappanden & Hanby, ...	10 10 0	
	Pres. Wadsworth, ...		20 0 0
	Edward Kitchen, Esq., of Salem, ...		133 6 8
	Thomas Wibird, ...	50 0 0	
	Rev. John Barnard, of Marblehead, ...		200 0 0
	Thomas Hollis, Esq., of Lincoln's Inn, made donations at various times, be- ginning in 1762, and estimated to amount to	1400 0 0	
1769	Pres. Holyoke, ...		13 6 8
1770	Ezekiel Hersey, ...		1000 0 0
	Nicholas Boylston, ...		1500 0 0
	Anthony Ferguson, merchant in Edin- burgh, ...	3 0 0	
	Society for propagating Christian Knowl- edge, books, valued at	30 0 0	
	The Edinburgh Society for promoting Religious Knowledge, books, valued at	10 12 11	
1772	Rev. Dr. Appleton, ...		56 0 0
	Amount carried forward, ...	12,120 15 5½	13,165 15 3

Date.		£ sterling.	£ lawful.	Dollars.
	Amount brought forward, . . .	12,120 15 5½	13,165 15 3	
1773	Samuel Sparrow, of London, books, valued at	20 0 0		
1774	Town of Lunenburg, ...		120 0 0	
	Thomas Hollis, of Lincoln's Inn, ...	500 0 0		
1779	Hon. Theodore Atkinson, of Portsmouth, ...	100 0 0		
	George Gardner, of Salem, ...		1333 0 0	
1783	Benjamin Pemberton, ...		20 0 0	
1786	Dr. Abner Hersey, of Barnstable, ...		500 0 0	
	Hon. James Bowdoin, ...		400 0 0	
1788	John Cuming, of Concord, ...	300 0 0		
	Hon. John Alford, ...		1362 8 5	
1790	Mrs. Sarah Derby, of Hingham, ...		1006 1 7	
1791	William Erving, ...		1000 0 0	
	Joanna Alford, ...		133 6 8	
1800	Jonathan Mason, of Boston, ...			500.00
1803	W. N. Boylston, \$100 a year for Medical Prizes, ...			2,000.00
1805	Donations by sundry individuals to Massachusetts Professorship of Natural History, ...			31,333.33
1806	Thomas Brand Hollis, ...	100 0 0		
1811	Samuel Dexter, ...			3,333.33
	Esther Sprague, of Dedham, ...			2,000.00
1812	Mary Lyndall, of Charlestown, ...		100 0 0	
1814	Foundation of Eliot Professorship of the Greek Language, ...			20,000.00
	Samuel Parkman, township of land in Maine, ...			5,000.00
1815	Count Rumford, ...			28,000.00
	Abiel Smith, ...			20,000.00
1817	W. N. Boylston, ...			5,000.00
1818	Israel Thorndike, ...			6,500.00
1819	Theodore Lyman, Jr., ...			2,500.00
1820	Moses Brown, ...			2,000.00
	Sundry persons to Mineralogical Cabinet, ...			2,300.00
	Thomas Cary, about			3,600.00
	Thomas Palmer, books, valued at			2,500.00
1821	John McLean, ...			25,000.00
	Subscriptions for Professor of Mineralogy and Geology, ...			400.00
	Anonymous donation, ...			1,200.00
1822	James Winthrop, ...			253.02
1823	Warden Library, ...			5,000.00
	James Perkins, ...			20,000.00
	Nathan Dane, ...			15,000.00
	Linnean Society, ...			300.00
1826	George Partridge, ...			2,000.00
	Subscription for the Theological School, ...			36,988.65
	William H. Eliot, Description of Egypt, ...			1,000.00
	Christopher Gore, ...			92,888.19
1829	Professorship of Pulpit Eloquence, &c., ...			13,180.00
1830	Joshua Fisher, ...			20,000.00
1831	Thomas Perkins, ...			100.00
1832	Sarah Jackson, ...			10,000.00
1833	Samuel Livermore, ...			6,000.00
1834	E. Porter, ...			1,000.00
	Amount carried forward, ...	13,140 15 5½	19,140 11 11	386,876.52

Date.		£ sterling.	£ lawful.	Dollars.
	Amount brought forward, . . .	13,140 15 5½	19,140 11 11	386,876.52
1834	George Chapman, ...			1,261.42
1835	William Pomroy, ...			1,000.00
	Rev. Ezekiel Rogers, product of farm given in 1658, ...			5,000.00
	Dr. W. J. Walker, ...			90.00
1836	Joshua Clapp, ...			1,000.00
	Hannah C. Andrews, ...			500.00
	John Foster, ...			2,000.00
1838	Fund for the Aid of Young Men, . . .			12,050.00
	Timothy Walker, ...			1,000.00
	For Astronomical Observatory, . . .			3,000.00
1839	Mrs. Tufts, ...			500.00
1840	Francis Parkman, ...			5,000.00
1841	Society for promoting Theological Edu- cation, ...			10,000.00
	Henry Lienow, ...			4,000.00
1842	Fund for the College Library, . . .			21,008.00
	Alumni of Harvard College, ...			2,266.05
1843	Donation for Observatory, ...			25,000.00
	To the Cabinet, ...			1,000.00
	W. N. Boylston, ...			3,000.00
1844	Israel Munson, ...			15,000.00
	Horace A. Haven, ...			3,000.00
1845	John Parker, ...			50,000.00
	William Prescott, ...			3,000.00
	David Sears, ...			5,000.00
	Leverett Saltonstall, ...			500.00
1846	Hon. Thomas Grenville, ...	100 0 0		
	Subscription for Mastodon, ...			3,065.00
	P. C. Brooks, ...			10,000.00
	Subscription for Astronomical Observer, .			2,525.00
	Miss Nancy Kendall, ...			2,000.00
	Abbot Scholarship, ...			1,635.00
1847	Subscription for New Medical College, .			4,600.00
	A. W. Fuller, to Theological School, . .			1,000.00
	Abbott Lawrence, for Scientific School, .			50,000.00
	Dr. J. C. Warren, ...			5,000.00
	and a Cabinet valued at			10,000.00
	The sums stated in pounds, ...	13,240 15 5½	19,140 11 11	651,876.99
	Are respectively equal to	\$58,847.88	63,801.98½	122,649.86½
	Amounting to			
	Total, ...			774,526 85½

TABLE III.

Real Estate given at Various Periods by Individuals and the Town of Cambridge to Harvard College.

Date.		Acres.
1638	Town of Cambridge gave 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land, ...	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
1645	Mr. John Buckley gave part of a garden containing about 1 acre and a rood, ...	1
1646	Israel Stoughton gave 200 acres, on the northeast side of Ne- ponset, about Mother Brook, ...	200
	and 100 acres on Blue Hill side, ...	100
	Nathaniel Ward gave 600 acres, ...	600
1649	Town of Cambridge gave a farm, Shawshin (now Billerica,) 100 acres, ...	100
	to which Henry Dunster added 100 acres, ...	100
	John Coggan gave a parcel of marsh land, lying in Rumney Marsh, ...	70
1656	John Hayward gave 30 acres, lying in Watertown, ...	30
1658	Rev. Ezekiel Rogers gave the reversion of his house and lands, which were sold, and a farm at Waltham purchased, called Rogers farm, which produced, in 1835, \$5,000.	
1660	Henry Webb gave his house and land which he purchased of H. Phillips, formerly owned by S. Oliver.	
1662	The town of Cambridge, 3 acres, ...	3
1664	Town of Cambridge gave 30 acres of land and three commons,	30
1669	Richard Champney gave 40 acres, more or less, near the falls on Charles River, ...	40
1671	Theodore Atkinson gave a piece of land at southward of Bos- ton about 20 rods. (<i>Not obtained.</i>)	
1672	John Hayward gave his house-lot at Watertown, 24 acres, . .	24
1681	Samuel Ward gave Ward's Island. Edward Jackson, 400 acres, ...	400
1683	Town of Cambridge, 20 acres and three commons in Lexington,	20
1690	Town of Cambridge granted 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres on Westfields, ...	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	In Cambridge Rocks, in the 1st division, 12 acres, ...	12
	2d " lot 36, 12 acres, ...	12
	" 66, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	" 77, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
	" 12, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
1696	Samuel Sewall and wife gave 500 acres, at Petaquamscot, . .	500
1702	William Stoughton gave 23 acres of land in Dorehester, and salt meadow, ...	23
1718	Proprietors of the town of Rutland, in Boston, gave 250 acres,	250
1720	Samuel Brown gave his estate purchased of Eleazer Giles, 200 acres; also, stock belonging to his farm, ...	200
1724	Town of Cambridge, 6 acres, ...	6
1774	Isaac Royall gave 1,920 acres, or thereabout, ...	1,920
	he gave in addition 200 acres, ...	200
1800	Samuel Shapleigh gave all his real estate.	
1814	Samuel Parkman gave a township of land in Maine, which was sold for \$5000, ...	3,840
1820	Thomas Cary bequeathed his real and personal estate.	
1826	C. Gore bequeathed all his real estate after providing for certain legacies.	
1841	Henry Lienow bequeathed a portion of his real and personal estate.	
		8,701 $\frac{1}{2}$

In the account of the treasurer, for the year ending August 31, 1847, page 26, it is stated that "the College Buildings, with the Library, and other property contained in them belonging to the College, and the grounds under and adjoining the same, have no fixed pecuniary value attached to them in the Treasurer's books."

It is impossible they should have a pecuniary value to the College, because they are not exchangeable for money, but indispensable to the very existence of the institution. A College, without buildings, library, instruments, and collections, is an unimaginable creation; and a College, having these indispensable instruments, that would voluntarily part with them, and endeavor to carry on instruction with the money for which they might be sold, would be a singular anomaly. On the supposition that the College was destroyed, and its property was to be sold, the twenty-six or seven acres belonging to the College enclosure and play-ground, with the buildings thereon, might be worth, as town-lots in Cambridge, perhaps \$4,000 an acre; the books, one dollar a volume, or \$50,000; the collection of minerals, fossils, &c., \$5000. All this is on the supposition that every thing in the country, except the College, were going on prosperously,—a thing which seems impossible. The fall of the College would be the signal, if it were not the consequence, of the fall of every thing else in Massachusetts; and the attempt to convert these things into money would defeat itself. The aggregate of the land, buildings, books, and collections, might be \$160,000. On the other hand, there are several items enumerated among the property of the College, which, though they have a value attached to them, are either of doubtful security, or of unproductive character. To this class belong the following items, all of which yield no income, and some of which may never be realized:—

Sixty shares Middlesex Canal, ...	\$2,400 00	
Balance in the hands of the steward, . . .	12,200 00	20.51
Do. Suffolk Bank, ...	754 70	
Houses and lands in Cambridge yield an interest on about \$40,000; the remainder therefore is unproductive, .	63,834 25	
Reversion of buildings in Brattle Street, . . .	1,000 00	
Pews in Cambridge Meeting-house, ...	410 00	
Text-books, (old, and out of use,)	843 26	
Observatory, ...	32,951 04	
History of Harvard College, ...	828 02	
	\$115,241 78	

This amount of \$115,000, might have no pecuniary value attached to it, with more propriety than the other sum of \$160,000 could be regarded as available in cash. The only way in which the items composing the latter can be of use to the College, is precisely in the form in which they exist, of land, buildings, books, &c.; and as no fall in the common market-price of such articles would make the College any poorer, so no rise in their value would make it any richer. Wealth consists in exchangeable property, or in property which produces that which may be exchanged. Whatever is necessary, therefore, to existence, can no more be considered as of pecuniary value, than the blood or the brains indispensable to human life.

In order to ascertain what funds are available for the education of undergraduates, it will be necessary to add to the unproductive property above

named, the following items on pages 27 and 29 of the last annual report of the treasurer, viz :—

Funds appropriated to the Law School, ...	\$41,855 76
“ “ Theological School, ...	84,606 44
W. N. Boylston's donation for medical prizes, ...	3,134 05
Funds in trust for various purposes, excepting the Professorship of Natural History, ...	119,817 39
Funds accumulating for various purposes, ...	30,957 76
	\$280,371 40
	115,241 78
Making an aggregate of	\$395,613 18

And leaving available, for the education of undergraduates, the sum of \$388,589 69.

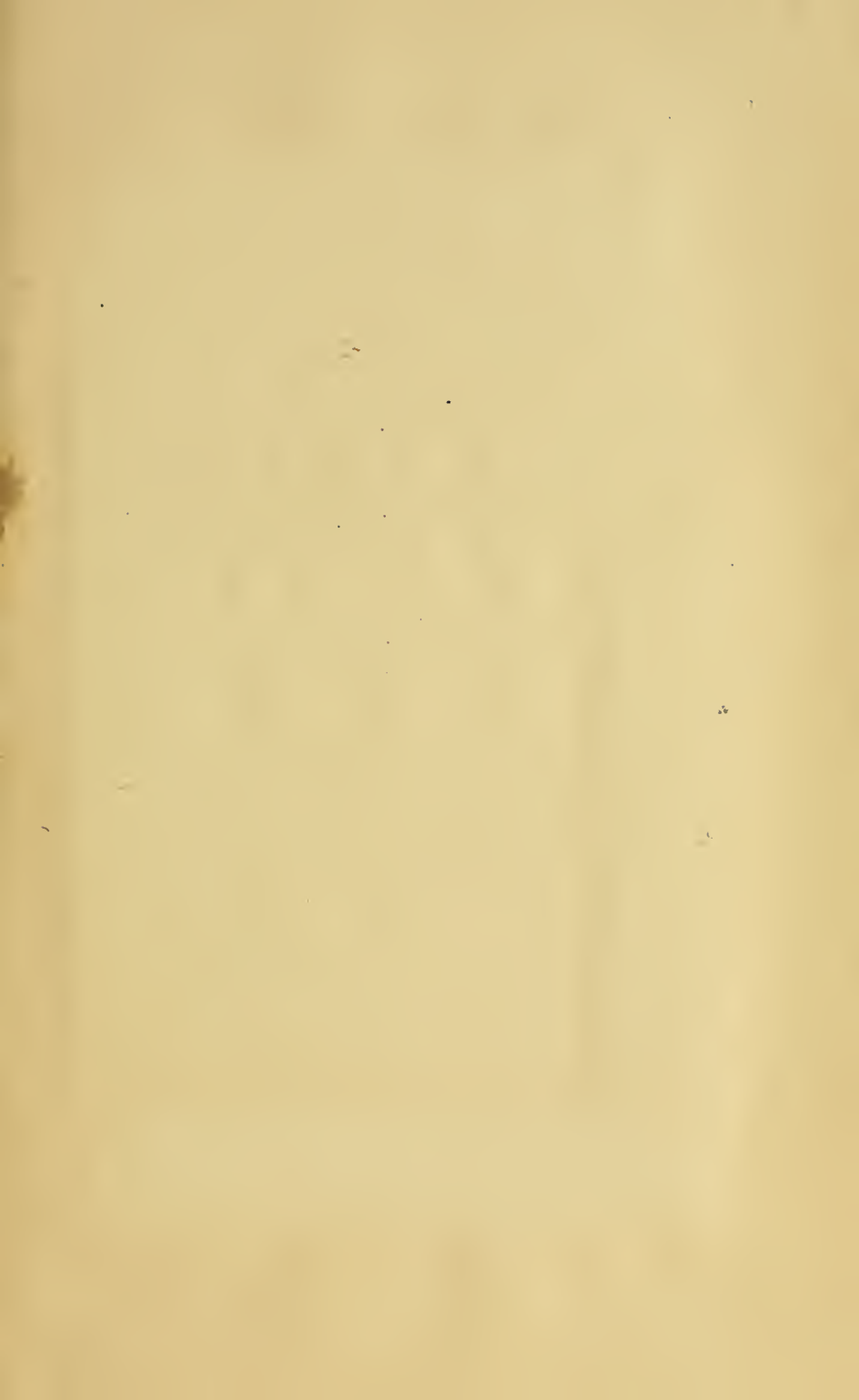
The inalienable nature of most of the College endowments diminishes very greatly their pecuniary value, though it does not lessen their intellectual or moral utility. Almost every donation is accompanied with conditions and restrictions which limit the use of the money to a particular object, though others may appear to the government of far greater urgency. It will be seen, by reference to page 27 of the treasurer's last report, that only about \$175,000 are disposable for general purposes; and this amount would be greatly diminished if those items were subtracted from it, which, really having no pecuniary value, are yet counted among the property on page 26.

With these facts in view, it will be obvious that it would be doing great injustice to the government of the College, to hold it responsible for the best use of the property which appears to be at its disposal. The government did not prescribe the uses to which it should be put, but the donors; and though some of the purposes to which donations have been devoted are of the highest moment, and all may be considered important, yet as they were thrown together by numerous individuals without concert and without experience,—indeed, for the most part, with a single eye to the importance of the particular object they had in view, without much regard to its relative value,—and as in nearly all cases the gifts were insufficient for the purpose designed, it has been the difficult task of the government, in all its departments, to supply deficiencies, to systematize what was incongruous, and arrange, to the greatest advantage of the student, the promiscuous provisions made for his instruction.

The present application to the legislature is made with the wish, to be enabled to fill up some of the greatest gaps in the system, and to supply, from the only source from which such supply can be expected, wants for which no adequate provision has been made, and which are constantly felt, as well by the community at large as by the Colleges.

SAMUEL A. ELIOT, TREASURER.

FEBRUARY 14, 1848.




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